Sl. No.	Name of the State/UT	Number of Persons with Disabilities as per Census, 2001
26	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	4048
27	Maharashtra	15,69,582
28	Andhra Pradesh	13,64,981
29	Karnataka	9,40,643
30	Goa	15,749
31	Lakshadweep	1678
32	Kerala	8,60,794
33	Tamil Nadu	16,42,497
34	Pondicherry	25,857
35	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	7,057
	TOTAL	2,19,06,769

Influx of street children in Delhi

838. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of street children in the capital city of Delhi is on the increase;

(b) if so, the magnitude of this menace; and

(c) what is the action plan of Government to address this issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) There is no scientific survey available to indicate the number of street children in Delhi.

(c) A Scheme, *viz.*, 'An Integrated Programme for Street Children' is under implementation wherein there are 6 projects implemented by Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) being assisted in Delhi. These projects provide facilities like shelter, nutrition, healthcare, sanitation and hygiene, safe drinking water, education, recreation and counselling to street children and ensure their protection from abuse and exploitation.

Besides, 5 additional projects are also being assisted under the same scheme to provide Childline service which is a 24 hours emergency toll free service for children in need and distress.

Allocation of funds to NGOs

839. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the criterion and the methodology being adopted by Government for granting funds to the NGOs;

(b) the total number of NGOs in the country and how many of them have been granted funds/aid during last three years, category-wise;

(c) whether any misuse of funds/aid have been reported to Government during the last three years;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government against those NGOs;

(e) how many of defaulting NGOs have been prosecuted and the outcome thereof; and

(f) how many of them have been debarred for further aid?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) The proposals received from NGOs registered under the appropriate Act, having required experience in the field of proposed activity, duly recommended by the State Governments, are scrutinized. The proposals, complete in all respect, are processed for grant of funds. Thereafter, on execution of bond agreement for abiding by certain terms & conditions, funds are released to the NGOs through Electronic Clearing System (ECS).

(b) The data relating to number of NGOs working in the country is not maintained in this Ministry. However, the details of number of NGOs assisted during the last three years are given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(c) to (f) Whenever it comes to the notice of the Government as a result of inspection or information from other sources that NGO has misutilized the funds, further release of grant-in-aid is suspended. Thereafter, a show cause notice is issued to the management of the NGO and if their explanation is found to be unsatisfactory, action is taken to blacklist the organization. So far 71 NGOs have been blacklisted by the Ministry and have been debarred from getting further grant-in-aid.